

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

1. Please delete the section entitled "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS," beginning at page 4, line 25, and ending at page 5, line 4. Please replace the deleted text with the following:

The invention will now be explained on the basis of embodiments with reference to the accompanying figures.

Figure 1 shows a fuel injection valve according to the invention in a schematic sectional view,

Figure 2 shows a top view of the fuel injection valve according to Figure 1,

Figure 3 shows an enlarged section of the needle tip of the valve according to Figure 1, [[and]]

Figure 4 shows a plan view from below onto the needle tip according to Figure 3, [[.]]

Figure 5A shows an enlarged section of the needle tip of the valve assembly according to the invention, and

Figure 5B shows the contour of recesses according to Figure 5.

2. Please insert the following paragraph immediately after the paragraph ending at page 8, line 2:

Figure 5A shows an enlarged section of the needle tip having groove-shaped recesses 38 having a semicircular cross-section. As discussed earlier in the specification, the groove-shaped recesses 38 may have a semicircular cross-section and an arched contour to simplify manufacture. Figure 5B shows the arched contour of the groove-shaped recesses 38 at slice 50.